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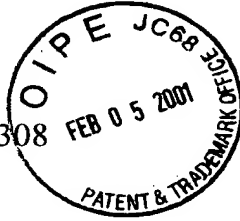
In re Patent Application of)

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COMPOUNDS,)
PHARMACEUTICAL AND)
COSMETIC COMPOSITIONS)
CONTAINING THEM AND USES)
THEREOF)



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present continuing prosecution application, please
first amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 28-30, 34-36 and 38-41, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new Claims 42-55:

42 (New). A method for the treatment of a dermatological condition which is

selected from the group consisting of: a keratinization disorder which affects

differentiation and proliferation; a keratinization disorder which is not associated with

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